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Mr. John Joyce
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Dear John:

On June 17, 2009, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your site.

It will be difficult to quantify the impacts of this year's 420 acre gypsy moth suppression project since gypsy moth populations have collapsed throughout most of the region primarily due to the fungal pathogen, *Entomophaga maimaiga*. This pathogen is usually prevalent during wet and cool Springs like the one that we just experienced. The impacts of *Entomophaga maimaiga* have been highly variable from year to year and are difficult to predict.

We will be conducting gypsy moth egg mass surveys in the Fall in all six of this year's treatment blocks.

Please contact me at (304) 285-1555 by August 22, 2009, if you anticipate requesting financial assistance for gypsy moth control in 2010. Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Whiteman

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